

to the Senate Select Intelligence Committee on February 7, 2001 wherein he stated that "The military balance in which India enjoys advantages over Pakistan in most areas of conventional defense preparedness remains the same. This includes a decisive advantage in fighter aircraft almost twice as many men under arms and a much larger economy to support defense expenditures."

(d) India's nuclear and missile policy of maintaining a minimum credible deterrent is based on a realistic assessment of global trends, offensive capabilities in the region and our technological options. Our nuclear and military capabilities are meant only for self-defense and seek to ensure that India's independence and integrity is not threatened in future. Government remains fully committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard the nation's security in accordance with its own assessment of threats to our security.

Failure of DRDO

3670. SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article "Armstrong genesis lies in DRDO failure to deliver" which appeared in the "Times of India", Government Business Section, dated 23rd March, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government would consider reorganizing the DRDO so that it delivers the products for which it was constituted and/or constitute a high powered technical persons Committee to go into DRDO and suggest remedial steps?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) DRDO does not come in the way of procurement of urgent needs of the services, from within the country or abroad.

(c) The Government constantly review the functioning of its

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Departments. Such Reviews of DRDO have recently been conducted and recommendations are under implementation.

Fund allocation for Sanskriti School

3671. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1107 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th August, 2000 and state:

(a) the availability of funds with the CSD when Rs. 5 crores were allocated for the Sanskriti School;

(b) the Chairman of the CSD Board of Control of canteen services who approved this allocation in March, 1996;

(c) the persons on the governing body of the school;

(d) whether auditors have approved this expenditure; and

(e) the other cases where funds of CSD have been allocated to the extent of Rs. 1 crore and above?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) An amount of Rs. 5 crores was allocated to a registered society i.e. the Civil Service Society as Grants-in-Aid which is running the Sanskriti School against the profit of Rs. 60.476 crores from CSD trade surplus for the year 1994-95.

(b) The Grants-in-Aid was approved by the then Raksha Rajya Mantri who chaired the meeting of Board of Control Canteen Services in March, 1996.

(c) There is no Governing Body of the School. The present structure of the Executive Committee who also act as the Governing Body of the Society is given in the Statement (see below).

(d) A part of CSD trade surplus is distributed to various beneficiaries as Grants-in-Aid only after finalisation and audit of Annual Accounts of CSD.

(e) The other cases where funds of CSD have been allocated to the extent of Rs. 1 crore and above pertain to Army, Navy and Air Force.